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TO: Department of State
Attention: Mr. A. N. Abajian
Office of Investigations
Refugee Relief Program
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FROM: Deputy Director, Plans
SUBJECT: DEVA, Xhafer aka DEVA, Ejtefer Ibrahim or XHAFER, Ibrahim or XHAVER, Abraham

1. Reference is made to your SY memorandum IIP/Control No. Naples 44694, dated 24 January 1956, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.

2. The files of this office contain the following information regarding Xhafer DEVA, the subject of your request.

3. According to a usually reliable source, Xhafer DEVA was known to be pro-German during World War II, and had served as Minister of the Interior in Albania during the German occupation of that country. It was reported that he had used this position to perpetrate extreme brutalities against the National Liberation Movement, Communist led movement in Albania during the war. According to the source, DEVA had led in the fight against TITO and Albanian Communist partisans in the period 1942-1944 and, as a leader of the Albanian Kosova groups, had been known as violently anti-Titoist (TITO) as well as anti-Communist. Xhafer DEVA was known to be one of the founders and leaders of the Second League of Prizren, an organization formed to unite all Kosovars for the defense of Kosova against the Slove. According to the source, DEVA was considered to be a single-minded anti-Communist Nationalist who, as an independent Albanian political personality in exile in Italy since the war, had been motivated by purely patriotic considerations.

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